

Southmoreland School District

High Quality Learning For All



Boardroom News



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BOARDROOM NEWS



SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

- ◆ Scottie Spotlight-Dr. Boone highlighted all of the community service projects that are being organized around the district such as food drives as well as collecting supplies to help the recent hurricane victims.

BUSINESS MANAGER/TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR INFORMATION

The following reports were posted for Board and public view:

- ◆ Building Activity Fund Information - For Informational Purposes Only
- ◆ Cyber Charter Expense Analysis - For Informational Purposes Only
- ◆ Business Office is working on finalizing the audit.

SOLICITOR'S INFORMATION

Mr. Lucas gave a report with detailed information pertaining to a right-to-know request that was addressed at the last meeting. His report outlined legal fees the district has paid for the last 6 years, and Andrews & Price LLC cost has been the lowest with the 2023-2024 school year compared to the last 3 years prior. The 2023-2024 fees also included 2 union negotiations.





COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel, Policy, Academics

None at this time. Next meeting will be November 12, 2024.

CWCTC REPORT

None at this time.

WIU REPORT

There were discussions about staffing changes and the increases of student services. WIU has started asking new hires to come into meetings to introduce themselves to the Board. The WIU started a new Podcast related to educational issues. There were continued talks about the Clairview building. Next meeting will be later in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building, Grounds and Safety

None at this time. Next meeting will be November 6, 2024.

Finance, District Operations, Transportation

There are no more meetings schedule for the remainder of the calendar year.

Non-Academic, Athletics, Extra-Curricular

Next meeting will be TBD.

School Safety & Security

None at this time. Next meeting will be October 21, 2024.



SCHOOL BOARD

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2024





Policies Updated & Approved-



1.	146.1	Trauma-Informed Approach
2.	218	Student Discipline
3.	218.1	Weapons
4.	218.2	Terroristic Threats
5.	222	Tobacco and Vaping Products
6.	227	Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
7.	234	Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
8.	247	Hazing
9.	249	Bullying/Cyberbullying
10.	252	Dating Violence
11.	317.1	Educator Misconduct
12.	323	Tobacco and Vaping Products
13.	336	Personal Necessity Leave
14.	339	Uncompensated Leave
15.	351	Controlled Substance Abuse
16.	707	Use of School Facilities
17.	801	Public Records
18.	803	School Calendar
19.	805	Emergency Preparedness and Response
20.	805.1	Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies
21.	805.2	School Security Personnel
22.	806	Child Abuse
23.	807	Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
24.	824	Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
25.	903	Public Comment in Board Meetings
26.	904	Public Attendance at School Events
27.	909	Municipal Government Relations



STUDENT REPORTS

Student representatives to the Board Selby Bell & Lauren Stafford presented the following:



1. Congratulations to the Scottie Scholars for September and October: Lexi Ohler and Reece Gunderson.
2. Congratulations to the Scottie Spirit Award Winners for September and October: Riley Puckey and Selby Bell.
3. On October 5, 2024 the Homecoming Dance was held in the high school cafeteria from 6 to 9 PM. The dance was sponsored by the freshman class, sophomore class, and student council. Over 300 Southmoreland students and guests attended the dance. The music for the evening was provided by DJ Chris from Moxie Events. The food and drinks were provided by the freshman and sophomore classes. A great evening was had by all.
4. On October 2, 2024 our Life Skills and Autistic support high school classrooms went to Edo Hibachi. Taking life skills students out to eat in the community offers a variety of benefits that help them develop important practical, social, and emotional skills. These experiences provide valuable real-world practice in a controlled and supportive setting. Here are some of the key benefits:

- a. Practical Life Skills

Money management: Students can practice handling cash, budgeting, calculating tips, and understanding the concept of value when choosing what to order.

Decision-making: Choosing items from a menu helps them make decisions and evaluate options based on their preferences, dietary needs, or budget.

Meal etiquette: They learn appropriate table manners, how to order from a menu, how to ask for what they need (such as drink refills), and how to interact with restaurant staff.

- b. Social Skills

Communication: Engaging with wait staff provides students with the opportunity to practice effective communication in public, whether through verbal or non-verbal means.

Cooperation and patience: Eating in a group setting encourages teamwork, waiting for turns, and being respectful of others' dining preferences and pace.



STUDENT REPORTS-Cont'd

Student representatives to the Board Selby Bell & Lauren Stafford presented the following:

Social confidence: The more students practice social interactions, the more confidence they gain in engaging with the community.

c. Community Inclusion

Familiarity with surroundings: Going out to different restaurants helps students become familiar with their community and develop comfort in navigating public spaces.

Building independence: These trips offer chances to experience independence in real-world environments, preparing them for the future when they may need to dine out or manage daily life without direct supervision.

Exposure to diversity: Eating at different types of restaurants introduces students to different cultures, cuisines, and customs, expanding their understanding of the world.

d. Emotional and Behavioral Development

Managing emotions: Being in a new or stimulating environment helps students practice emotional regulation, cope with any anxiety or stress that may arise, and learn how to adapt to unfamiliar situations.

Positive reinforcement: Success in these outings boosts self-esteem and reinforces positive behavior, as students feel a sense of accomplishment from navigating the dining experience successfully.

e. Real-World Problem Solving

Handling unexpected situations: Students may encounter scenarios such as wrong order, long wait times, or needing to communicate a dietary restriction, which helps them practice problem-solving in real-time.

f. Healthy Routines

Balanced diet: Outings can be used to educate students about making healthier food choices, discussing nutrition, portion control, and understanding how to balance enjoyment with healthy eating.

Overall, dining out in the community provides life skills students with meaningful, hands-on opportunities to develop independence, responsibility, and the social skills necessary for adult life.



STUDENT REPORTS-Cont'd

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5. Interact Club is off to a strong start this school year. The current number of members is now at 101 students in grades 9-12. It is only October, and Interact is on its 13th service opportunity of the year. This includes finding 50 volunteers for the Scottsdale Fall Festival. In addition, Interact partnered with YEA to attend You've Got a Friend Day at Twin Lakes where high school students were partnered up with other district students from our K-8 neuro diverse classrooms. The teams of Scotties enjoyed Twin Lakes for the day by visiting animal shows, riding carnival rides, fishing, enjoying hayrides and paddle boats as well as visiting a petting zoo. Finally, Interact hosted a station reading *Scottie Pays it Forward* to emphasize the power of kindness at Reading Under the Lights. Interact Officers are attending a District Conference on Thursday to share ideas with other Interact Clubs.
6. National Honor Society is currently working to collect cans for the WPIAL Food Drive. So far students have hosted a coloring contest telling younger students that they "Can" Make a Difference, collected over 800 cans at the gate at the Scottie/Viking Football Game on Friday and will be hosting a schoolwide Homeroom Wars, Bake Sale, and 1st ever "Cansgiving" Event in November.
7. Student Council members participated in Freshmen Orientation in August by providing a station that explained the electronic device policy, locker use, fundraisers, and how to join clubs and activities and become more involved in school. Twenty-five Student Council members participated to make this event a success.
8. Student Council will be hosting Powder Puff football on November 15th this year at the high school stadium. Ninth through twelfth grade girls can sign up to participate in a "Friday Night Lights" flag football game with a full concession, bake sale, basket auction, and t-shirt sale. Male students are volunteering to cheer on the powder puff teams with an all- male cheerleading squad. Student volunteers will be working in the concession stand and collecting donations throughout the evening. The cost to attend is \$5.00 and all proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.





PERSONNEL

The following motions were approved:

- ◆ Personnel Log-See below
- ◆ SEIU Agreement 2024-2025
- ◆ Musical Staff-See below



Personnel Resignations/New Hires—CONGRATULATIONS & welcome aboard!

Athletic Resignation

1. Ashley McCutcheon - Assistant Softball Coach

New Hires

1. Robert Klepsky - Custodian
2. Kenneth Stewart - Change in Classification to Armed Security Officer
3. Josh Stinnett - Volunteer Swim Coach
4. Jennifer Stinnett - Volunteer Swim Coach
5. Mike Busato - Volunteer Swim Coach
6. Jennifer Busato - Volunteer Swim Coach
7. Alicia Haroulakis - Substitute Cafeteria

Leave-Best Wishes!

1. FMLA Leave - Employee #3604



2024-2025 Musical Staff

NON-ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTAL-Position	NAME
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	SHAWN CONWAY
MUSICAL PRODUCER	JAMIE GORE
VOCAL COACH	SHAWN CONWAY
ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR	JAMIE GORE
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & COSTUME	CHELSEA CONWAY
CHOREOGRAPHER	RAYGAN LEWANDOWSKI
STAGE MANAGER & ACTING COACH	ROBYN BRADY
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	JOSH BRADY



EDUCATION

The following items were approved this month:

- ◆ Apple iPad purchase for Grades 3-5



FINANCE

All of the following Motions were approved:

- ◆ Monthly Board Treasurers' Report
- ◆ General Fund Board Summary Report
- ◆ Fund Accounting, Capital Fund and Food Service Check Summary Listing
- ◆ Local Banking RFP



BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

- ◆ Stadium Rock Wall RFP



ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

- ◆ No Items For This Month



Let's go Scotties!

Next Board meeting is scheduled
for November 19, 2024